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Applicant: Nelson et al. Art Unit: 1655
Application No.: 09/687,246 Examiner: J. Souaya
Filed: October 12, 2000
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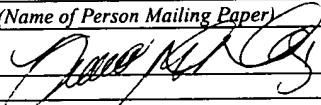
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Sir:

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1. Response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001; including Exhibit A;
2. Return Receipt Postcard.

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Total Claims	53	91	0	x \$18	x \$09	\$00
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Multiple Claims				\$280	\$140	\$00
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE
TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 23, 2001 (Paper No. 15), in connection with the above-identified patent application, entry of the amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

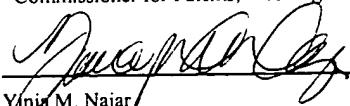
Pursuant to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect with traverse the claims of Group I, claims 1 to 51, 84 and 85 directed to methods for detecting hepatic cell proliferative disorder.

A. Regarding the Restriction Requirement

The restriction requirement is traversed with respect to the division of Group I.

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